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VBPS revises method to distribute free meals to kids out of school

By Rosemary K. Oztman
 Independent Editor

School Supt. Pete Kudlak said there were a lot of willing volunteers who got together to prepare the free breakfasts and lunches for students not in school and take the meals around in school buses to distribute last week.

Students are out of school until April 14 because of the coronavirus and the district wants to make sure anyone between the ages of 0 and 18 that lives in the district gets food to eat.

He said there were 16 staff members, plus the bus drivers, plus the food service workers who prepared the meals.

At Monday's virtual meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, Supt. Kudlak said to cut back on the number of people working on the project and be in compliance with state rules about the number of people in gatherings, the method of distributing the food has been changed.

He said as of this week the meals will be distributed from one pick-up location at the back of the high school between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. They will get meals for two days on Tuesday and three days on Thursday, he said.

Those coming for food should drive in the west driveway of the high school, the one marked for student pick up and the administration building. They should drive to the back of the administration parking lot, next to the tennis courts, and then around to the rear of the food service area at the high school, where the meals will be distributed.

Supt. Kudlak said they will ask no questions, require no ID, and write down only how many meals were given out.

Governor Gretchen Whitmer's executive order 2020-15 allows school boards to conduct a virtual meeting. The Van Buren Public Schools' board policy requires board members to be physically present in order

to vote, so the board voted unanimously Monday to suspend that policy until the governor lifts the executive order that allows for virtual board meetings.

At a virtual meeting all votes are by roll call.

All board members were in different locations but were able to be seen and heard as they discussed board business. There was a way for members of the public to ask questions, as well, although one person said her picture and sound were "cutting out."

Supt. Kudlak said it could be due to the person's computer equipment.

The board also voted unanimously, by roll-call vote, to approve Granger Construction Company as the construction management firm for the 2019 VBPS Bond Program Projects, mainly the early childhood education center.

Six proposals were received and three were shortlisted, according to Robert Kakoczki, vice president of Plante Moran CRESA. He also was present virtually and explained the process used to recommend Granger.

Kakoczki said the budget established in the bond application for Construction Manager Costs and Fees was 10% of the cost of construction. Based upon the recommended contract award to Granger, the total Construction Manager Costs and fees are projected to be about 9.2%, which is a projected cost savings of approximately \$180,000, he said.

In other business at the 39-minute meeting, the board:

- Approved the retirement of Michael Bateman, an Owen Intermediate School teacher, after 31 years of service as of June 30; and the resignation of Charles Takasy after less than one year of service teaching at Rawsonville Elementary as of March 6, with no reason given;
- Approved the employment of Sadie

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Photos courtesy Ford Motor Company

Of the Top-100 dealerships in the nation Atchinson Ford achieved a bronze award for being third in the nation for growth. From left are Matt Van Dyke, Director of U.S. Marketing; Mark LaNeve, Vice President of Marketing Sales, Service for U.S. and Canada; Craig Atchinson, Dealer Principle, Atchinson Ford; and Andy Frick, Director U.S. Sales & Operations -- all working for Ford Motor Company. After the awards ceremony, many dealers at the event reportedly approached Atchinson quickly, asking how he achieved both awards. "Selling vehicles is a very personal experience," Atchinson said. "It's a partnership and relationship that never ends." The guest speaker at the conference was former football player Jerome Bettis, aka The Bus, a native of Detroit. He spoke about Ford dealerships being vested in their communities. Bettis retired from football after the 2006 Superbowl win.



Atchinson Ford accepted this football which was used a trophy for being No. 1 in "2019 Customer Experience of the Top-100 Volume Ford Dealers" out of just over 3,000 Ford dealerships in the U.S.A. Ford randomly surveys all of its customers after sales and service experiences. The award ceremony was on March 2 at a Ford dealer meeting in Marana, AZ.

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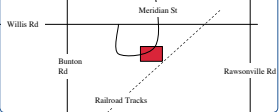
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

VBT board considers making four pickleball courts at Harbour Club

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Pickleball is very popular with seniors at the Van Buren Township gymnasium and now the VBT Board of Trustees is considering spending an estimated \$185,000 to put four new outdoor courts up at the northeast corner of Denton and Beckley roads.

At the board's March 16 combined work/study and regular meeting, the project was discussed. It was scheduled to be on the agenda for a vote at the next regular meeting April 7.

Matthew Best, director of public services, explained.

He said the current tennis courts at the corner of Denton and Beckley roads have been closed due to the condition of the facility and the township was considering a potential ticket for blight.

"Staff, under the direction of the supervisor's office, investigated the feasibility of the township leasing the property, renovating the existing tennis courts, and resurfacing the parking lot," with a contractor chosen by the township, he said.

Best said the investigation led to a draft proposal that allows a 10-year lease of the property, and two, two-year extensions, with the construction of new outdoor pickleball courts and a hard-surface parking lot.

G&I IX Harbour Club Property LLC would lease the property to the township for \$1 per year for ten years, to begin with.

VBT would use the pickleball courts as part of the township parks' system. Outdoor pickleball leagues could be developed, as well as drop-in play. Harbour Club residents would be specifically scheduled time for a league, if they requested, he said.

If the board approves the contract to be signed, staff will move forward to bid the restoration work. If a bid is approved by the board, the project is expected to be completed by the end of July, or longer if decisions due to COVID-19 slow it down.

He said the plan is to pulverize and reset the tennis court to put in four pickleball

courts and install solid-surface parking. Parks and Recreation will operate the courts for 10 years at this location. He said the 0.90-acre site is next to residential use on both sides.

He asked the board to read the 18-page lease and give him feedback on any questions.

Supervisor Kevin McNamara said three years ago they started talking about this, but a new buyer was in the process of acquiring the Harbour Club complex and so they waited. He said the buyer came to the township to see if it would work on the golf course, but the township wasn't interested in that.

He said the township asked them to fix the tennis courts, and they asked the township to do it.

"Pickleball is wiping us out at the gymnasium," Supervisor McNamara said.

He said the new buyer is doing a \$20 million upgrade to the apartments to make them more upscale. He said in 10 years the township can try to buy the property.

McNamara said in 15 years you have to rebuild the court, so the township wanted a 15-year lease at first. Instead, they got extensions.

He said the property will be covered by township insurance from the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA).

McNamara said it will be on the route of the Iron Belle Trail and that area is one of the oldest age groups in the township, "a natural for pickleball."

"We talked to the pickleball leagues and they wouldn't mind leaving one as a tennis court," McNamara said.

"Why not 20 years?" asked Trustee Reggie Miller. "Ten years is so short."

"We came up with 15 years. They last 15 years," McNamara said. "They are paying taxes on the property worth \$100,000 a year. We offered \$30,000 to buy that site and they said no. They will pay the taxes and let us use the property."

"What if the owner changes?" Trustee



Independent photo by James Oztman

The four old tennis courts owned by Harbour Club at the corner of Denton and Beckley roads are expected to be changed into four new pickleball courts with a hard-surfaced parking lot to be used in the Van Buren Township Parks and Recreation program.

Miller asked.

Best said the agreement is with the property and the township has the right of first refusal.

"We could offer to buy it then," Best said.

"They will do the upkeep, landscaping and mowing," McNamara said, adding the elderly now are using the township facilities for their pickle ball."

Senior Citizen Director Lynette Jordan said pickleball is offered three days a week at the township gymnasium. She said Northville, Canton, and other teams come to compete in VBT and VBT goes to those locations.

According to township information, G&I IX Harbour Club Property LLC, a Delaware limited liability company with offices in New York City, purchased the 19 multi parcels on April 17, 2019 for \$79 million. The parcel in question has 2019 taxable value of \$51,600.

According to Wikipedia, pickleball is a paddleball sport (similar to a racquet sport) that combines elements of tennis,

badminton, and table tennis. Two or four players use solid paddles made of wood or composite materials to hit a perforated polymer ball, with 26-40 round holes, over a net. The sport shares features of other racquet sports: the dimensions and layout of a badminton court, and a net and rules somewhat similar to tennis, with several modifications. Pickleball was invented in the 1960s as a children's backyard game.

The pickleball court is similar to a doubles badminton court. The actual size of the court is 20 by 44 feet for both doubles and singles. The net is hung at 36 inches on the ends, and 34 inches at center. The court is striped like a tennis court, with no alleys; but the outer courts, and not the inner courts, are divided in half by service lines. The inner courts are non-volley zones and extend 7 feet from the net on either side.

There has been a 650% increase in numbers of pickleball players over the last six years, according to the USA Pickleball Association.

VBT board votes to lock township doors for two weeks due to COVID-19

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

"There's no right or wrong answer," said Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara at the March 16 meeting of the township board of trustees, in referring to COVID-19.

The township work/study session had been combined with the regular meeting to minimize personal contact.

"There are 2,000 cities and townships in Michigan and they all have different solutions," Supervisor McNamara said.

He said his proposal is a hybrid of the

Northville Township plan and is also based on Belleville's plan of limiting the people coming into city hall.

"We started that way today and it didn't work," he said. "People expect to be served. We either need to serve or close down.

"I would go with shut and locked doors with signs to call first if you need personal service," McNamara said.

He said the residents can pay by dropping it in the box, online, or by mail.

He said to talk with the building department people can make an appointment to come into the building.

McNamara said by leaving the doors open, people get angry when they can't come up to a window.

He said this can be done with level one, which is close for two weeks and then reevaluate the situation. He said level two is if the state tells the governments to shut down.

"But, we want to be there if people have needs," he said, adding he would like to stay open inside with a skeleton crew, but lock the doors.

"If the state says close down or the state closes down itself, we close," he said.

He said telephone calls will go through to someone in the supervisor's office. He said it would not be a recorded message, but a person will answer.

"We can't leave the doors open and not let them come to a window," he said. "I don't know how Belleville's is working."

Clerk Leon Wright said the township followed the guidelines set by the CDC. He said the state is not telling local governments what to do. The CDC says it will get worse before it gets better, he said.

"We have to stop person-to-person

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OPINIONS

Editorial

Coronavirus not only brings illness, but lots of confusion

This is a very confusing time for everyone as people try to interpret what the COVID-19 virus means to them and their family and how to stay healthy.

The rules put upon us by the state government change daily, which is confusing enough.

A woman said today in our office that the governor didn't really mean people should stay home until April 13, but the governor has been shown on TV saying that's exactly what she meant. "Stay Home, Stay Safe" is not a suggestion, she emphasized. "It's an order." And, there are penalties for disobeying the order, she said.

There are jobs that are exempt from the closing order, such as the media (that's us) who are needed to keep information flowing. The grocery stores, pharmacies, gas stations, party stores, and even Ace Hardware in Sumpter and Pro Hardware in Belleville can be open (but at reduced hours) because they are deemed essential.

Our prize-winning Ford dealer is closed until mid-April, as ordered by the governor.

There are fewer places for us to drop our free papers because so many stores are closed and people are hesitant to go out to get them so the local news is delayed, for now.

Just open our front door and grab a paper from the rack just inside the door. It will give you something else to think about besides the virus.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

The Michigan Press Association sent a letter to Governor Gretchen Whitmer last week asking her to declare newspapers an "essential service" in case she declares a "shelter in place" order. We've always considered newspapers essential to let the public know what is going on, especially in local government.

On Monday, Gov. Whitmer ordered all businesses closed and employees to stay home that didn't fit in several categories of "essential service." Media is essential under her order and so we are open and running to bring you your local news.

Last Thursday morning, advertising director Bob Mytych was out in front of our offices delivering Independents to those who were driving up to get their papers. He handed the papers in their windows so they didn't have to get out of their cars. That was for about an hour after his delivery route was done.

Then, he put the rack outside the front door, so people didn't have to come into the building to get their free papers. After the rain started and the wind blew up, we moved the rack inside.

If the rack is not outside, it'll be just inside the front door and you can just reach in.

Sophia Minor, 91, of Sumpter Township and her husband, also 91, went to Sam's Club to shop for groceries last Thursday and when they got there the long line was stretched around the building, "and that's a big building."

She said a lady, tenth in line from the door, called out to them that she'd been saving them a place in line and let them

...By Rosemary K. Otzman



join her in line. She also got a cart for them inside and sent them on her way.

They were pushing their cart to the back of the store when another lady asked what they were shopping for and Sophia said they needed paper towels and toilet paper. That lady ran into the crowd and came out with a box of each.

Sophia said they went out to the parking lot and a different lady in the next aisle in the parking lot, came over and unloaded their cart and put everything in the car.

Sophia said it was just so wonderful to have these three ladies help them out – and all three were "colored ladies" and they were helping two white senior citizens.

It just made them feel good, she said, and she wanted to share the story with our readers.

A few Sundays ago, in Portland, Oregon, Jim Wigginton of Van Buren Township completed three laps of the tallest building in Oregon and then went to a bridge and did two bungy jumps into the Columbia River Gorge. Wigginton does his feats to spread the word about thyroid cancer and the quality of life for cancer patients, in memory of his late wife.

Last Thursday, the Wayne County Meals on Wheels issued a statement, saying it would stop providing meals starting March 19 and concluding March 23, and it would resume March 24. The statement reminded

all that five frozen meals were delivered recently and they would cover the five days meals would not be provided by Wayne County.

One of our readers called to ask if we had any information on a book mobile. Sounds like a good idea.

The Van Buren Township legal notice in today's paper concerning taking bids for farming select land owned by the township is for farming some of the property purchased by the township from the Ford Motor Company, across from township hall on Tyler Road.

Gayl Parr of Belleville Tax and Accounting, which owns the building in which we lease space, said the announcement that the IRS had extended the deadline for filing taxes until July at first gave her a jolt. Then, she realized that that would relieve the pressure of the April 15 deadline and they would keep doing taxes at a more relaxed rate until July. Every dark cloud has a silver lining.

Their office is closed to the public, but they still are doing payrolls and accepting packets of information for the taxes.

The building at 152 Main St. will still be open for us to welcome those with news and advertising.





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Letters

'Fear not' appears 95 times in the Bible

To the editor and neighbors:

I'm quite sure all citizens by this date have been made aware by various means of the bad news that has brought havoc to our communities and worldwide, that being the Coronavirus Pandemic.

At this point in time, we do not know exactly how many people in our own country have succumbed to this horrendous virus nor do our doctors or government know the date of conclusion.

For me, this is a solemn time of peace and prayer -- a time for family, friends and neighbors to join in prayer to the One -- the only One who is still in control -- Jesus Christ. We must not give way to fear! Fear is crippling! In 1933, at his inauguration as President of the United States, Franklin D. Roosevelt said: "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself."

"Fear Not" appears 95 times in the Bible. Our God has commanded us to "Fear Not". I personally take great comfort and peace in claiming Isaiah 41:10 - "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed; for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."

I was very disappointed recently while watching TV when I heard Gov. Cuomo of New York answer a question about his being "spiritually connected," regarding New York's current flu pandemic. His reply: "I have no answer." I think his reply was truly a missed opportunity! See Romans 8:6 -- "For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace." KJV

During the past several days while self-quarantined, I have been blessed to learn first-hand how many beautiful Christian prayer warriors are within our communities. I have received letters, phone calls and e-mails offering help with any unmet needs I may have. I am so thankful for my church's "help offerings" at Bethany Bible Church; their prayers and concern for all those living near and far. As our President Trump repeats, "This is war; we will win."

GOD BLESS AMERICA.

Thank you,
(Mrs.) Ruth E. Bleeker
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Thanks to Lonnie's Auto Service for its help

To the editor:

I want to thank Lonnie's Auto Service for the service that you assisted our daughter and her husband on their vehicles. Our son-in-law is working out of state for his company at this time. During this time our daughter had a problem with her vehicle. Having her husband's vehicle at hand she started using it and then came about a

problem with his vehicle.

We contacted Lonnie's Auto Service and had those vehicles taken to their auto service business. It did take a little longer to fix these vehicles than was anticipated but realizing that they had other vehicles ahead of hers was understandable and OK with us.

Their business and their employees did a great job and she got both vehicles back in great working condition. We thank them for having a great business in Belleville. I just wanted to let them know that they are greatly appreciated. Keep up the great work.

DeClercq & Pokerwinski Families

I'll tell you what I know about Nelson Po

To the editor:

This letter is in response to Mary Ban. I can tell you these things I know about Nelson Po.

He does nothing to my knowledge. He was a grower and seller of marijuana for several years. Three pole barns full. He was growing more plants than he had medical prescribed persons. The township police shut him down, burned the extra plants, and took him to court. He had an excellent lawyer to represent him. Instead of jail, he paid a fine and at a pre-arranged time shut his business down, per the court.

He owns property on Willis Road where he was to build another pole barn and a dispensary. The stench of the plants was unbearable when in the afternoon he'd shut off the fans and filters in the pole barns.

He's not political. He's a braggard. Per his remark about Karen Armatis, he doesn't like women. If elected, he'll find a way to eliminate the women employees. He's fooling all you people with his outrageous ideas. He knows nothing about running a township.

People of Sumpter Township, do NOT put this man in office. He's not a nice person. He has fought with, sued, and intimidated quite a few of his neighbors. He's not a nice neighbor.

People of Sumpter, go back to your 2017 and 2018 papers. Read about his lawsuits with the township. He's not a good candidate to have in the township office.

I must remain anonymous for fear of repercussions from him.

Editor's Note: The writer signed the letter, but asked that her name be withheld from publication.

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- Albert Einstein

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Obituaries



Danny Lee "Cowboy"
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DANNY LEE CORBIN

(August 18, 1952 – March 17, 2020)

Danny Lee "Cowboy" Corbin, age 67, of Belleville, MI, passed away Tuesday, March 17, 2020. He was born August 18, 1952 in Ypsilanti, MI, son of Carl Lee & Margaret Elizabeth (Brothers) Corbin.

He graduated from Plymouth High School and began working in construction as a carpenter. He enjoyed his work and could build anything. Some might say he was a "Wood Pro!" He enjoyed fishing, kayaking, horses and horseback riding.

Cowboy Corbin is survived by two sisters: Karla Corbin of Dearborn Heights, MI and Karen (the late Jack) Fowler of South Lyon, MI; two nieces: Nicole (Justyna) Goetz of South Lyon, MI and Ariel Fowler of Northville, MI; step-nephew Jack (Eva) Fowler of Remus, MI; step-niece Catherine (Jeremy) Marquis of Maine; great-niece Izzirene Goetz; great-nephew Jason Moss; also his beloved cats: Meow-Meow and Buddy. He was preceded in death by his parents. Cremation rites have been accorded to David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, per his wishes. Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society.

www.davidcbrownfh.com

Sumpter board hires John Linville to replace Leroy Campbell

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At a special four-minute meeting beginning at 5 p.m. March 11 the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously to hire John Linville as laborer on the Sumpter Township Water Department as of March 16.

His starting pay is \$23.82 per hour, per the union contract. He replaces longtime employee Leroy Campbell, who died at the age of 84 on Christmas Day.

Absent and excused from the meeting were Clerk Esther Hurst and Treasurer Ken Bednark.

The board also voted unanimously to set a public hearing at 6 p.m., Tuesday, March 24, to consider the 2020-21 budget.

The regular meeting of March 10 was not held due to the election.

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Obituaries



Marcella Mary "Sally"
Price

MARCELLA 'SALLY' PRICE

(May 28, 1930 – March 18, 2020)

Marcella Mary "Sally" Price, formerly Marcella Bowles, age 89, long-time Belleville area resident, passed away Wednesday, March 18, 2020, at Kim's Comforts of Home, Livonia, MI. She was born May 28, 1930, daughter of Joseph W. & Irene C. (Herman) Daniels.

Sally was a very active member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, Belleville, MI, where she was a Eucharistic Minister and a member of Mother's Club. She was one of the first people to organize the Belleville National Strawberry Festival. Mrs. Bowles retired from Van Buren Public Schools after 22 years at Tyler Elementary School as a kitchen manager. She was also a member of the former Belleville Business and Professional Women's Club, now Belleville Area Women's Club. Most of all, she loved her family and helping others.

She is survived by four children: Thomas Bowles of Calumet, MI, Therese (Timothy) Thomas of Manistee, MI, Susan (the late David) D'Orazio of Clarklake, MI and Joseph (Judy) Bowles of Livonia, MI; 11 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; two brothers: Richard Daniels of Southgate, MI and Thomas (Donna) Daniels of Florida; also numerous extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, first husband Keith William Bowles in 1982 and second husband Stanley John Price, Sr. in 1999. The family would especially like to thank Kim Bishop and her husband James for their kindness and care of Sally in her final days.

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, private visitation and Funeral Mass were held. Interment was in Soop Cemetery, Van Buren Township, MI. Arrangements were by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association and would be appreciated. www.davidcbrownfh.com

Liberty Gospel church hopes to open by Easter

Pastor Bernie Travis announces that all activities at Liberty Gospel church, 105 N. Liberty St., Belleville, will be closed until April 12 or further notice.

He said he had hopes of reopening for Easter Sunday, April 12, but that remains to be determined.

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Betty Jean Sears

BETTY JEAN SEARS

(May 1, 1927 – March 20, 2020)

Betty Jean Sears (affectionately known as "the Great Sears"), age 92, passed away at her home in Ypsilanti Friday, March 20, 2020. On May 1, 1927, Betty was born in Ypsilanti to Dallas Ivan and Eunice L. (Baer) Powers. On March 15, 1952, Betty married Casper L. Sears who preceded her in death in 1998.

Betty was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church for 67 years of which 21 years she ran and managed the clothes closet. Betty also worked at Eastern Michigan University in the food service department for 21 years. She was an avid bowler with the "Thursday Morning Ladies Bowling" group and received several trophies for bowling excellence.

Betty is survived by her son Bartholomew A. Sears; four daughters, Betty (Hines) McNulty of Texas, Gail (Hines) Nickels of Colorado, Raona (Hines) Hardison of New Boston and Alice (Hines) Sperry of Indiana; one daughter-in-law Betty Sears of Belleville; 28 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Betty was preceded in death by two stepdaughters, two stepsons, one brother and four sisters. Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be planned at a later date due to the Covid-19 virus. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Elara Caring Hospice, 900 Cooper Street, Jackson, MI 49202-9930. Please sign her guest book at www.starkfuneral.com.



Richard James
Porzondek

RICHARD JAMES PORZONDEK

(June 9, 1970 – March 14, 2020)

Richard James Porzondek, age 49, passed away on March 14, 2020. He was born June 9, 1970 in Ypsilanti, Michigan to Gerald E. and Barbara I. (Parrant) Porzondek.

He was a longtime resident of Belleville. He was the Owner and Operator of R&C Painting. Richard is survived by his two children, Emmerick James and Isabelle Simone Renee Porzondek; his mother, Barbara Bozarth of Belleville; two sisters, Sandy (Steve) Paulsen of Belleville and Jerri (John) Jurinic of Pinckney; and two brothers, Barney (Tonya) Porzondek and Cam (Mindi) Porzondek, all of Belleville; many nieces and nephews and a large extended family.

He was preceded in death by his father Gerald Porzondek and his step-father Harold Bozarth, his brother Michael Porzondek, and his grandparents Alice and Bernard Porzondek and Irene and Jim Tremper.

A Memorial Celebration of his life is being planned for June, 2020.

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contact for at least 14 days," Clerk Wright said. "More are getting infected each day. It'll get much worse before it gets better ... We have to show residents we follow the CDC guidelines ... We have employees who shouldn't be exposed ... They should go home ... They don't know who they have contact with.

"We'll still be doing the government and a lot can be done remotely," Wright said. "The township should be shut down at least two weeks and then reevaluate."

Trustee Reggie Miller said, "Our job as community leaders is to study the problem and do something. To do too much is better than not enough to save lives. We will keep the public safety – police and fire – going.

"Directors can do at home what they do here," Trustee Miller said. "Don't take the risk ... It's too big of a risk. We have to prevent this illness from spreading..."

Treasurer Sharry Budd said she agreed with closing the township down and in a week see what to do. She said employees are having childcare problems because the schools are closed and there are other ways to pay their bills than face to face.

Trustee Paul White was attending the meeting by telephone because he had a runny nose and didn't want other board members to worry.

"I agree with closing the township down," Trustee White said. "But it's not really closing it down. Your suggestion is very, very appreciated. We can revisit it in

two weeks. It's very appropriate.

"Reevaluate it and close it another two weeks? If necessary, so be it. I commend you for this action. Thank you very much, Supervisor, for bringing this forward," White concluded.

Trustee Kevin Martin agreed.

"We have to limit all contact as much as possible," Trustee Martin said. "Those that can work from home can do so. Public safety and fire have to be done in person."

Trustee Sherry Frazier said, "I think we should shut down. The directors should stay at home. Everything will be at a halt."

"We're not abandoning the clerk's office," Clerk Wright said. "We will come in and take care of business – check the mail, pay the bills. Every time you leave the house you put yourself at risk.

"I'm sorry public safety has to do this," Wright said. "This is a serious issue."

McNamara said the supervisor has to be put in the position of having the power to make decisions.

He said Meals on Wheels was shut down for a couple of days.

"We will feed our seniors," he said, asking the board to set aside \$10,000 for services. He said the township feeds 75-100 every day. They thought about putting up a tent for checking people out.

Wright made a motion, supported by Miller to allocate \$10,000 for emergency services for COVID-19. This was passed unanimously.

McNamara said if the Meals on Wheels program is cut off, he said he checked with restaurants and found they could call in for

food and feed the seniors for about \$3,000 a week.

He said Parks and Recreation could cook food and deliver it on doorsteps and walk away, instead of bringing it inside and putting it on the tables.

"We're not going to let any of our seniors

starve," McNamara said.

Trustee Martin made a motion to suspend water shut offs, late fees, and fines and adjust due dates on the water bills. Miller supported and the motion was passed unanimously.

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Masonic Lodge keeps up with food deliveries

Brethren, ladies, and friends of Myrtle Lodge:

You've no doubt learned of the COVID-19 pandemic which has recently been declared a National Emergency. In light of that,

I have decided to suspend all remaining lodge activities for the months of March and April with the notable exception of our Food Drives scheduled for March 17 and April 21.

Many of our communities' most vulnerable residents rely on such food distributions and now, more than ever, our assistance is required. As such, if your work commitments and health concerns allow, please participate in the food drives. Many of our members who regularly

participate are at a high risk for developing complications from COVID-19 so we would like to relieve them as much as possible with younger members.

Our officer corps will continue to monitor the situation and inform you of any future events that need to be postponed or canceled. In the meantime, if you or your loved ones need assistance during this trying time please do not hesitate to reach out to myself or our secretary and we will help in whatever way we can.

Stay safe, stay healthy and Godspeed.
Sincerely and fraternally,

Brandon Mullins
Worshipful Master
Myrtle Lodge No. 89, F&AM

Editor's Note: The Masonic Lodge has been delivering food to the elderly and those in need for several years as part of the The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP). This has been largely carried out by a dedicated core of older members who have the availability during the day. With the COVID-19 pandemic ongoing there was worry that they may be forced to cancel the distribution due to the risk to those older members. However, with many younger members now working from home they were able to continue their efforts while minimizing exposure to those at risk.

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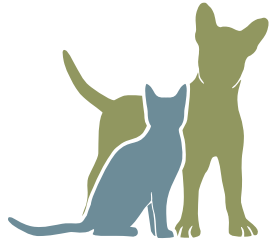
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Treasurer Budd said this can be reevaluated when the board comes back in April.

Trustee White said he was opposed to voting on items not on the agenda. They could just let the supervisor make emergency actions, any type needed. He said let the supervisor take command and give him authority.

Miller said the board can legally add agenda items, especial in these days.

"I'm against giving the supervisor unlimited power. That's wrong," Miller said.

"I don't want that power," McNamara said. "Law allows us to do that. We put that in our policy on a split vote, with me voting against it."

Budd made the motion, supported by Miller to close township hall for the next two weeks, pay the employees, and reevaluate in two weeks.

"I don't see us open before the schools reopen," McNamara said.

"It'll be a board decision," Miller said.

Matthew Best, director of public services, reassured residents that the water and sewer department is on call for emergencies and service. He recommended calling the main line and leaving a message on the main emergency line or calling the public safety number. Directors will be checking their messages, he said.

Human Resources Director Nicole Sumpter said there are three public safety employees – two clerical and one maintenance – who are not essential employees and should go home.

Public Safety Director Greg Laurain said they are the records clerk, administrative assistant, and a maintenance worker and they are very important.

He said the maintenance worker keeps

the jail cell sanitized and takes care of the police cars, which is very important.

"All are considered essential," McNamara said.

Director Laurain said they closed the records window, but they are working behind the closed window.

The board agreed the employees are essential to Public Safety.

Miller commended the community leaders for stepping up and making decisions.

"France was just placed in full lockdown," Clerk Wright said, referring to his cell phone.

"We want to keep our citizens in good health," Frazier said.

In other business at the 54-minute March 16 meeting, the board:

- Heard McNamara announce that all events in the museum, library, DDA building, and township hall are cancelled;

- Voted unanimously to pass Resolution 2020-08 on the Hiring Policy Process. HR Director Sumpter said Trustee Miller showed a problem in the policy that they were not aware of. She said HR hires all full-time union employees and internships. McNamara said the policy has been used for the last 20 years and there is permission to hire as budgeted; and

- Unanimously approved a one-year extension to the existing professional services agreement with Hydro Corp Inc. to provide inspection and other related services for enforcement of the SDWA-mandated cross-connection control program at a cost of \$14,604.

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Mike Kole, interim CEO of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce was master of ceremonies at a virtual awards ceremony at 6 p.m., Saturday, March 21, to take the place of the annual banquet planned.

This was to abide by state rules against gatherings as part of the COVID-19

coronavirus battle.

Saturday's event had a baseball theme and Kole, dressed in a Tigers' shirt, introduced Tyrone Hamilton who played the National Anthem on a keyboard and sang along.

Kole announced the following awards:

- Small Business of the Year: Colette McClinton and her Garden Fantasy on Main;
- Large Business of the Year: Paul George and SERVIS Group;
- Ted Kuckelman Community Service Award: Mark Laginess; and

• Leona Van Buhler Chamber Member of the Year Award: Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4434 Honor Guard.

Winners of the cash drawings were:

- \$10,000 – Sheri Kay;
- \$1,000 – Darcy Beagan;
- \$500 – Annette Temple;
- \$100 each – Dr. Anna Loranger, Mark Buxton, Joe Walker, Tammy Lommerse, and Kim Leonard.

New directors announced were Scott Jones, Darcy Beagan, Jennifer Farmer, Bob Castino, and Whitney Beaubien.

School Board

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Schultz as special education teacher at Belleville High School and Alyssa Slayton as teacher at McBride Middle School, both as of March 16;

• Heard Director of Plant Operations James Williams announce that he will forward information to the board for consideration of a proposal for HVAC work at Edgemont and Rawsonville schools under the CD Fund program. He said usually such work is done in the summer time;

• Heard Director of Curriculum Jeff Moore say the teachers and administration are providing support for education during the coronavirus shutdown and they are available for information. He couldn't unmute himself at first and he suggested it might be because of his children watching Netflix, which he got over the last few days;

• Heard Supt. Kudlak say there are so many unknowns right now and although the day to come back to school had been set for April 13, it is now April 14. With that date, under current rules, the district would have 14 days to make up – or the state could forgive them. Or, school could be canceled until September. He said graduation might be postponed, but it would not be canceled. Kudlak said after working for 13 years, he wants the students to have the opportunity to go through graduation. "We hope to work something out," he said;

• Learned the April 13 board meeting would be another virtual meeting;

• Heard Kudlak answer a question about grants from the Van Buren Educational Foundation, saying although the money already awarded had to be spent by April 1, this is not possible and the purchase date could be pushed until fall;

• Heard Moore say that the AP tests will be taken online and the third-grade reading law has been tabled because the students can't be tested this spring; and

• Heard Kudlak say if the students' break is extended, it will be the Michigan Department of Education that decides.

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- The courthouse will be closed to the public March 19 – April 3, 2020. Limited staff will be reporting and available to conduct only essential functions of the court.

- All proceedings scheduled between the dates of March 16 – April 3, 2020 at the 34th District Court will be adjourned. All parties will receive notice by mail of the hearing date.

- All in-custody arraignments will be held by videoconferencing. Walk-in arraignments have been suspended. If you have an outstanding warrant or license suspension email or call the court for more information.

- Felony cases for in-custody defendants will remain as scheduled and will be held by videoconferencing.

- All reporting probation will be conducted by phone. Work Program and the Reality Check Program have been cancelled until further notice.

- Civil filings must be mailed to the court or placed in the drop box located outside of the courthouse entrance with the filing fee attached.

All court users should refer to our website www.mi34thdistrictcourt.com for the most current information and updates as well as online resources for resolving their case(s).

We will continue to work with the Michigan Supreme Court and the State Court Administrator's office along with our local officials to ensure that we are doing all that we can to combat this health crisis.

Hon. Brian A. Oakley
Chief Judge

34th District Court

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answer your questions and help you navigate their website.

Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue of Sumpter is offering adoptions by appointment only. They're still the holding center for lost and found pets within the area and ask the public to call and schedule an appointment for any type of business with the shelter, even donations. Visit www.friendsofmichigan.org for a line-up of dogs and cats and a donation list of operating essentials. Call (734) 461-9458.

With many businesses shut down for hopefully just a handful of weeks, others are open because of essentials and services they offer. Sumpter Ace Hardware is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call (734) 697-9363. Pro Hardware on Main Street is also open, Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call (734) 697-9595.

Our list of churches in our church directory has already focused more on social media with live online and streaming services like Belleville Church of God, Bethany Bible Church, St. Anthony, and River of Life Assembly of God. Visit the directory for their websites and other details.

For the most part, social media does an excellent job in keeping up with breaking news and getting the information out during these challenging times, some live stream and others nearly in real time, from the presidential news conferences to local restaurant's pickup and delivery services. Supporting your family safely with essentials is getting harder every day, it seems, but hopefully we'll get to the other side of the curve as they call it. Supporting local businesses is extremely important for those that have their doors open. Thank you to the restaurants, auto repair shops, and other essential businesses for your push forward. The Lunch Box, for example last week was packing together lunch orders for up to 250 for the folks at Chase Technology on Haggerty Road. Auto repair centers like Express Tire on Belleville Road are also open with regular hours to service your check-engine light that just came on or your muffler that fell off while on your way to work at a hospital or grocery store. When you arrive at these places, you'll be greeted with a smile from the mom and pop owners and employees that are there for us. I went over to A & W for a carry out and when I got my food in the bag also was an order of normalcy, following a few minutes of staring at trees blowing in the wind as I thought about when I can hit the tennis courts again at BHS. Soon. Shout out of thanks to the VB Public Schools and Food Service employees putting together free pick-up meals for students. These harder times will pass and we'll remember these businesses and the people that run them that were there for us. Stay safe and while you're out and about getting essentials, our newspaper will still be available at some of the area gas stations, auto repair shops, restaurants and other spots. No worries as the newspaper can be viewed online at www.bellevilleareaindependent.com. Be safe and take care of each other.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice



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For Immediate Release

Contact: Alysha Albrecht
Phone: (734) 699-8910
Email: Communications@vanburen-mi.org

Van Buren Township Closed Until April 13

VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP, Mich.,- In response to Governor Whitmer Executive Order 2020-21 to "Stay Home, Stay Safe" all Township Administration offices will remain closed until April 13, 2020. All programs and events have been cancelled until further notice.

Emergency Services (Police, Fire & Dispatch) will remain open. Van Buren Township will continue to work remotely. For emergencies, such as a water main breaks, please contact the Van Buren Township Dispatch at 734-699-8930. For non-emergencies, government services and/or general questions (building permits, Focus Hope, etc.) please call 734-699-8910. Then leave a message and staff will return your call in a timely manner.

The Township is committed to supporting our at risk populations. Our Community Resource Guide identifies resources available to assist our residents seeking emergency services, as well as basic needs such as: food, clothing, shelter, physical and mental health resources, employment, transportation, and more. The guide is designed to help locate federal, state, local and online resources that are within the 48111 zip code or a 10-mile radius of it. To view the guide click the link below:

<https://vanburen-mi.org/2020-community-resource-guide-2/>

Yard waste and garbage pick up are still operating as scheduled. Yard waste collection begins the week of April 6th. To view yard waste requirements click the link below:

<https://vanburen-mi.org/2020-yard-waste-collection/>

To view the Governor's Executive Order please click the link below:

https://www.michigan.gov/whitmer/0,9309,7-387-90499_90705-522626--,00.html

This is subject to change as more news is released via the Federal and State Government. We're closely following the COVID-19 situations and will update our staff and residents as new information is reported. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 197 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, March 15:

0130 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.
0221 – noise complaint, Borgman Ave.
0236 – 911 welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0250 – intrusion alarm, Van Born
0533 – intrusion alarm, Anna Dr.
0615 – assist other dept., Timberland Dr.
0948 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1230 – intrusion alarm, Samuel Barton Dr.
1250 – animal complaint, Lexington Ct.
1315 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1426 – property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275
1600 – welfare check, McKinley St.
1703 – harassment call, Ecorse Rd./Haggerty
1901 – neighbor trouble, Barnwell Dr.
1925 – trespassing, Fret Rd.
2221 – parking complaint, Water’s Edge Ln.
2248 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2303 – suspicious person/vehicle, Kirkridge Park
2338 – warrant arrest, Tyler Rd.

Monday, March 16:

0000 – assist other dept., N. I-94 Service Dr.
0228 – threat, Parkwood Dr.
0309 – intrusion alarm, Van Born
0444 – parking complaint, Brookside Dr.
0713 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Westlake Cir.
0812 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0818 – animal complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0925 – civil matter, Rawsonville Rd.
0932 – assist other dept., Fret Rd.
1043 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
1138 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.
1140 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Robson Rd.
1140 – private property/property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
1318 – 911 welfare check, Cumberland Ct.
1338 – vehicle lockout, Robson Rd.
1402 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.
1547 – assist other dept., Richard Run Dr.
1603 – animal complaint, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1609 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1640 – larceny from auto, Belleville
1715 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1733 – breaking & entering, Morton Taylor Rd.
1815 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1904 – malicious destruction of property, Tyler
2325 – assist citizen, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.

Tuesday, March 17:

0313 – suspicious person/vehicle, Old Denton Rd. / Denton Rd.
0800 – assist fire dept., Winchester St.
0816 – road hazard, Ecorse/I-275
1053 – 911 welfare check, Rickman Dr.
1140 – larceny, W. Huron River Dr.
1156 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1235 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1341 – property damage accident, N. I-275/Ecorse
1348 – civil matter, Hamilton St.
1447 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville
1508 – fraud, Stonebridge Dr.
1553 – traffic offense, Ecorse/Haggerty
1653 – animal complaint, Lake Pointe Blvd.
1707 – intrusion alarm, Michigan Ave.
1837 – suspicious person/vehicle, Edgedale Dr. / W. Huron River Dr.
1949 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
2015 – suspicious person/vehicle, Burlwood Ln.
2048 – civil matter, Parkwood Dr.
2101 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service

Wednesday, March 18:
0038 – disorderly, S. Bellridge Dr.
0043 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
0154 – missing person, Beckley Rd.
0706 – intrusion alarm, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1046 – 911 welfare check, Landmark
1109 – civil matter, Oak Ln.
1157 – private property impound, Beckley Rd.
1210 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
1244 – assault & battery, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1403 – ordinance violation, N. Timberview Dr.
1421 – domestic, Outer Dr.
1507 – suspicious person/vehicle, Outer Dr.
1539 – 911 welfare check, Vine St.
1633 – operating while intoxicated, Rawsonville

1648 – juvenile complaint, Maple Dr.
1927 – assist fire dept., Sylvia Dr.
1943 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.
2217 – suspicious person/vehicle, Harmony Ln. / Harbor Ln.

Thursday, March 19:

0253 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
0358 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.
0435 – civil matter, Oak Ln.
0441 – assist other dept., Belleville/Tyler
0706 – 911 welfare check, Prairie Ct.
0712 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
1030 – suspicious person/vehicle, Robbe Rd.
1041 – private property impound, Denton Rd.
1053 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
1209 – intrusion alarm, Greenbriar Ct.
1333 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1544 – intrusion alarm, Marlowe Ave.
1606 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
1604 – civil matter, Oak Ln.
1636 – parking complaint, Meadows Cir.
1639 – private property impound, Westlake
1711 – malicious destruction of property, Elwell
1752 – threat, W. Archwood Dr.
1843 – welfare check, Denton Rd.
1909 – harassment call, Maple Dr.
1907 – assault & battery, Rawsonville Rd.
1913 – harassment call, Dalton Dr.
2013 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.
2014 – civil matter, Denton Rd.
2151 – intrusion alarm, Spencer Ave.
2214 – juvenile complaint, Van Buren/McBride
2337 – threat, Outer Dr.
2359 – welfare check, Parkwood Dr.

Friday, March 20:

0242 – assist fire dept., Tyler Rd.
0533 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
0927 – road hazard, Belleville Rd.
1006 – animal complaint, Chloe Ct.
1012 – animal complaint, Victoria St.
1044 – lost property/child, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1132 – hospice death, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1307 – juvenile complaint, Freedom Way
1310 – lost property/child, Ecorse Rd.
1341 – assist fire dept., Birch Dr.
1350 – property damage accident, Belleville
1443 – animal complaint, Millington Ct.
1606 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / W. I-94
1620 – breaking & entering, Winchester St.
1627 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1728 – operating while intoxicated, Hamlin St.
1759 – domestic, Landmark
1802 – family trouble, S. Bellridge Dr.
1931 – malicious destruction of property, Parkwood Dr.
2012 – civil matter, Village Green Ln.
2049 – assault & battery, Pine Dr.
2052 – civil matter, Assembly St.
2236 – domestic, Ecorse Rd.
2238 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
2257 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville
2332 – intrusion alarm, Milton Dr.
2339 – suspicious person/vehicle, Martz/Lohr

Saturday, March 21:

0020 – assist fire dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
0022 – trespassing, Outer Dr.
0036 – trespassing, Outer Dr.
0110 – assist other dept., Dellor St.
0507 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
0701 – repossession, Hannan Rd.
0910 – civil matter, Hannan Rd.
1006 – welfare check, Briarcliff
1025 – threat, Pine Dr.
1117 – missing person, Daisy Blvd.
1123 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1234 – civil matter, Lake Villa Dr.
1413 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty/I-94
1534 – assist other dept., Lighthouse
1542 – lost property/child, W. Sadie Ln.
1619 – suspicious person/vehicle, Morton Taylor / Ecorse
1752 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler/Hannan
1821 – domestic, Lake Villa Dr.
1838 – neighbor trouble, S. Timberview Dr.
1846 – fight, Maple Dr.
2105 – animal complaint, Ecorse Rd.
2114 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lexington Ct.
2156 – suicidal person, Harbour Club
2233 – property damage accident, Martz Rd.

Also on this week’s log are six traffic stops and no stops on the I-94 or I-275 expressways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, March 15:

0838 – assist fire dept., Loza Ln.
1354 – misc. complaint, Hull Rd.
2258 – assist other dept., Menlo Park Dr. / Santa Clara St.

Monday, March 16:

0749 – assist fire dept., South St.

Tuesday, March 17:

1016 – property damage accident, Main/High
1210 – property damage accident, Main/N. Liberty

Wednesday, March 18:

0708 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1127 – misc. complaint, Astor
1157 – welfare check, Angola St.
1357 – misc. complaint, Astor St.
1428 – disorderly, E. Huron River Dr.
1820 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.
1929 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.

Thursday, March 19:

0844 – traffic offense, Main St./E. Huron River
1100 – welfare check, Wexford Ave.
1319 – traffic offense, Main St.
1949 – assist fire dept. W. Columbia Ave.

Friday, March 20:

0857 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
1025 – misc. complaint, Belleville/bridge
1111 – welfare check, Potter Dr.
1239 – abandoned auto, Main St.

Saturday, March 21:

0948 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Columbia
1101 – misc. complaint, Church St.
1344 – abandoned auto, W. Columbia Ave.
2104 – domestic, Carmell St.
2221 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.

Also on this week’s log are four traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, March 15:

0118 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Sumpter Rd./Dunn Rd.
0315 – suspicious circumstances, 19000 bl. Carndell Ave.
0652 – citizen assist, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.
0823 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
0909 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
0939 – welfare check, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1220 – 911 hang up, 22000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1445 – suspicious person, Sumpter Rd./Willow Rd.
1527 – follow-up investigation, 19000 bl. Crandell
1700 – civil matter, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1741 – meantl health call, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2013 – suspicious person, Willis Rd./Sumpter Rd.

Monday, March 16:

0935 – civil matter, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

0939 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1311 – civil matter, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2010 – property damage accident, Oakville Waltz Rd. / Sherwood Rd.
2236 – welfare check, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.

Tuesday, March 17:

0021 – suspicious circumstances, Sumpter/Arkona
0545 – 911 hang up, Edgewood Dr.
0605 – property damage accident, Bemis/Renton
0611 – suspicious circumstances, 20000 bl. Crandell Ave.

0822 – welfare check, W. Arizona St.
0837 – 911 hang up, Stonecrest Dr.
0852 – suspicious circumstances, 20000 bl. Wilmo

1039 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Bemis
1220 – follow-up investigation, 20000 bl. Crandell
1533 – suspicious circumstances, Rustic Ln.
2011 – juvenile complaint, Carriage Ln.

Wednesday, March 18:

0015 – follow-up investigation, 21000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

1119 – suspicious person, 28000 bl. Karr Rd.
1237 – 911 hang up, 22000 bl. Fenster Ave.
1516 – suspicious person, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2024 – citizen assist, 42000 bl. Arkona Rd.
2346 – 911 hang up, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.

Thursday, March 19:

0108 – juvenile complaint, 43000 bl. Dunn Rd.
0200 – welfare check, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
0837 – civil matter, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1359 – fire dept. assist, 47i000 bl. Judd Rd.
1450 – civil matter, Country Club Blvd.
1624 – animal complaint, Timberlane Dr.
2252 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2300 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.

Friday, March 20:

0546 – civil matter, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
0807 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
0847 – follow-up investigation, Rustic Ln.
1054 – mental health call, 22000 bl. Fenster Ave.
1338 – death investigation, Birch Ct.
1537 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1549 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2000 – mental health call, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.
2022 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.
2333 – suspicious circumstances, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.

Saturday, March 21:
0332 – operating while intoxicated arrest, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.

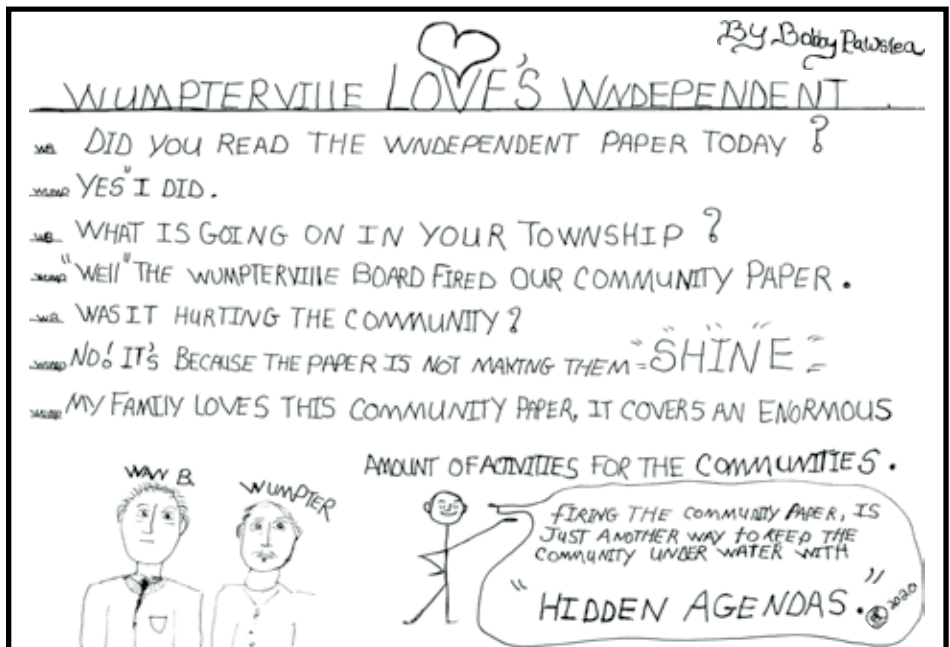
0721 – L3596 – opened in error – SU, 28000 bl. Karr Rd.

0954 – larceny, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1044 – 911 hang up, Knollwood Dr.
1202 – 911 hang up, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
1601 – suspicious person, 45000 Willis Rd.

1657 – animal complaint, Oakville Waltz Rd. / Sumpter Rd.

1743 – noise complaint, 45000 Willis Rd.
Also on this week’s log are 53 patrol checks, 15 traffic stops, and four misc. details.

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The Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, MI is requesting proposal for a Farming Lease of select properties owned by Van Buren Township. Proposal packets are available online at the Township's website, www.vanburen-mi.org, or packets can be picked up at Public Safety's front desk located at 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan, 48111. Responses will be received until 4:00 pm, Thursday, April 9th, 2020 and should be submitted by mail to the Clerk's office at 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan, 48111 or dropped off at Public Safety's front desk located at 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan, 48111. Bids will be publicly opened at 12:00 pm on April 10th, 2020 in Van Buren Township Hall with results immediately posted on the Township website www.vanburen-mi.org.

The To wnship reserves the right to reject any and all responses and is not required to accept the lowest cost firm. The Charter Township of Van Buren is an equal opportunity employer. If you have any questions please contact Matthew R. Best in the Public Services office at mbest@vanburen-mi.org.

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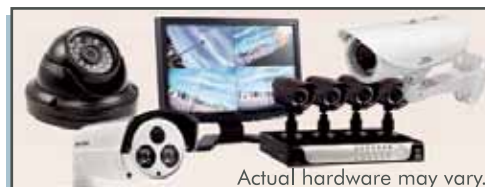
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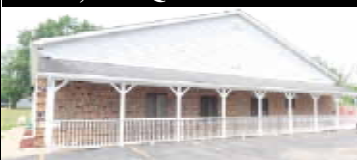
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